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SUBJECT: SHARK HUNT XXI AND XXII EXERCISES, APRIL AND MAY 1977

1. TDC HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH DETAILS OF SHARK HUNT EXERCISES XXI AND XXII, WHICH WILL BE HELD APRIL 9-12, 1977, AND MAY 30- JUNE 2, 1977.

2. U.S. SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN SHARK HUNT XXI WILL INCLUDE ONE GUIDED-MISSILE DESTROYER, ONE DESTROYER, ONE FRIGATE, ONE AMMUNITION-CARRYING SHIP AND APPROXIMATELY FIVE P-3 ASW AIRCRAFT. PARTICIPANTS ON THE ROC SIDE WILL INCLUDE FOUR TO SIX DESTROYERS, ONE SUBMARINE, ONE TUGBOAT, ONE PATROL FRIGATE, TWO TO FOUR S-2 ASW AIRCRAFT, TWO T-33 TARGET-TOWING AIRCRAFT, AND SIX TO NINE FIGHTERS (F-100'S, F-104'S, R F-5'S).

3. IN SHARK HUNT XXII THERE WILL BE ON THE U.S. SIDE ONE GUIDED-MISSILE DESTROYER, TWO FRIGATES, ONE SUBMARINE AND ONE REFRIGERATION SHIP. THE NUMBER OF U.S. AIRCRAFT, ROC AIRCRAFT AND ROC SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN SHARK HUNT XXII WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME AS IN SHARK HUNT XXI.

4. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THESE EXERCISES IS ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE TRAINING FOR U.S. AND ROC SHIPS AND  
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AIRCRAFT. TDC HAS ASSURED US THAT ALL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH THESE TWO EXERCISES WILL TAKE PLACE NO FURTHER THAN FIFTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF KAOHSIUNG.

5. DC PAO WILL RESPOND TO ANY PRESS QUERIES WITH STANDING GUIDANCE QUOTE WE DO NOT COMMENT ON MILITARY EXERCISES UNQUOTE.

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